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Jeffrey Leon Battle was a member of a terrorist group dubbed the **Portland Seven**, some members of which attempted to travel to Afghanistan shortly after 9/11 in order to aid the **Taliban**. He refused to cooperate with the government and was sentenced to eighteen years in prison after pleading guilty to sedition, conspiracy and levying war against the **United States**. He had two years added to his sentence for refusing to testify before a grand jury.

Background [edit]

Jeffrey Leon Battle had a checkered past. According to an article in the *Star-Ledger*, "Battle was a ne'er-do-well, a one-time **Mary Kay** cosmetics representative who was trying to wriggle out of his commitment to the U.S. Army reserves after washing out in boot camp."^[1]

Jeffrey Leon Battle moved to Portland in the late 1990s from **Houston, Texas**, where he served as a bodyguard for **New Black Panther** leader and community activist **Quanell X**.^[2]

First contact with law enforcement [edit]

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